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Atty. Dkt. No. 053466-0416

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Katsumi AOYAGI et al.

Title: METHOD OF DETECTING HEPATITIS C VIRUS

Appl. No.: 10/577,853

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Examiner: Michelle S. Horning

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

Amendment/Reply.

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The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$810.00	=	\$810.00
Total Claims:	24	-	25 = 0	x \$52.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	4	-	8 = 0	x \$220.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$390.00	=	\$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	=	\$810.00

[ X ] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ ] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$130.00	0	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$490.00		\$0.00
[ X ] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,110.00		\$1,110.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,730.00		\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,350.00		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$1,110.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	-		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$1,110.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1,920.00
[ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
[ ] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$1,920.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1,920.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card

transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date March 7, 2011

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